



**DRAFT AAHC
Minutes**

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 8, 2016**

Board Members in Attendance: Georgia M. Shannon, Marvin Chambers, Sasha Mitchell, DeWayne Barton, S. Antanette Mosley

City Staff in Attendance: Christy Bass, Roderick Simmons

Guests in Attendance: Viola Spells

Chairwoman Sasha Mitchell called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM.

1. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES:

The Commission unanimously approved the August meeting minutes on Georgia M. Shannon's motion; Marvin Chambers second.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

I. Review of the City of Asheville Racial Equity Program

Chairwoman Sasha Mitchell discussed the racial disparity program and the city's focus on contracting and hiring numbers for the black community. Chairwoman Mitchell noted that the Commission was not involved in the creation of the study, and that as the city moves forward on racial equity there have not been enough discussions on previous policies and the negative impact on the black communities. Mr. Barton reminded the Commission about their role as advocates for the community. Roderick Simmons stated that the Commission could reach out to City Council's Governance Committee for additional information they are seeking as to their role in the Racial Equity Program.

Mr. Barton offered to direct state grant money received to support our community partners helping meet the goals of the Commission.

Mr. Chambers motioned to re-appoint Viola Spells back to the African American Heritage Commission; Georgia M. Shannon seconded. The vote passed with all in favor.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

4. ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 12:38 PM.

NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2016. 11:30 AM. City Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 70 Court Plaza.